

STRAWBERRIES

Are Still High but Will Soon be Cheap.

BUTTER SUPPLY IS SHORT

And Eggs are Not as Plentiful as They Were—Prices of Fruits and Vegetables in Local Markets.

During the past few days straw berries have been rather scarce and the price is therefore still high. The fruit is now selling at 25 cents per quart box and comes from Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. During the past few days it has been cool in the south and the berries have not ripened as fast as they might, consequently the scarcity. In a few weeks berries will be shipped here from Arkansas and then they will be much cheaper. The tropical fruits are also rather high. Bananas sell for 25 and 25 cents per dozen, oranges at 25 cents and lemons at 25 cents per dozen. A few days of warm weather will make the price go up. Coconuts sell for 10 cents each.

About the newest thing in the line of vegetables are Bermuda onions which sell at 5 cents per pound. New potatoes also come from Bermuda and sell at 60 cents per peck, while old potatoes are offered at 50 cents per bushel. California cauliflower sells at 25 cents each. Pie plant grows in the vicinity of Decatur is now ready for the market and will be offered in large quantities tomorrow at 5 cents per bunch. Spring onions and radishes are 5 cents per bunch and lettuce, 5 cents per head.

Eggs have not been as plentiful as they were and sell now at 12 1/2 cents per dozen. Country butter has been scarce all week and is offered at 15 cents and 20 cents per pound. Chickens are also rather scarce and high in price, as they have been for some time past.

WABASH RUMORS.

What President Ashley Has to Say About the Vanderbilts.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: President Ashley of the Wabash, who is still in the city, had his attention called to publications in Chicago of recent date to the effect that the Vanderbilts were negotiating for the purchase of the Wabash as an addition to and an outlet for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. He stated that he had no knowledge of such negotiations and had not been consulted in that regard. The air is filled with rumors of consolidations and absorptions in all directions, but there was nothing definite as to the plans of the Vanderbilt interests in connection with the Lake Shore. The only ground for the Wabash rumor would appear to have been the active selling of bonds recently in New York.

THE DECATUR COLLECTING AGENCY.

Frank G. Carrio has purchased of the E. C. Halpin Collection Agency their local office and territorial rights and will locate permanently in Decatur to devote his whole time in making this the most successful commercial agency yet established. Mr. Carrio has been managing the local office and through his efforts has established a successful business, being highly recommended by the merchants for whom he has done business. The local office is established for the purpose of the collection of notes and accounts in all parts of the United States and Canada, through foreign representatives of the company, and supplying mercantile reports to subscribers. The concern will be known as The Decatur Commercial Agency and will be located at 305 Powers building.

BICYCLE BARGAINS.

We trade for a few second hand bicycles every day and offer them at very low prices. We have pleased many customers with them. If you want a second hand bicycle please see what we have to offer.

Decatur Gun Co.

The prettiest baby buggies are at Scovill's—18-19.

Want to contract to furnish 100 more or less 2 year old steers. Deliver now or later. Also some cows and one year olds. Write L. Y. Woodruff, Murray, Ky.—14-66t.

Notice. J. M. Love and J. M. Love are hereby notified that the undersigned has been appointed receiver for the estate of J. M. Love and is authorized to receive for three months' subscription in advance. The undersigned guarantees a prompt delivery of the paper. If

Konosh's new mayor is a barber.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE

CANNON OUT FOR SPEAKER

Robert Bright Joe is Squarely in the Race.

CHICAGO CAUCUS

May be Held to Decide on Illinois' Choice.

REED'S ATTITUDE 7 YEARS AGO

On the Famous Ostracism Rule—Had He Not Resigned He Would Have Resigned—Equity is Strongly in Favor of Illinois for the Speakership.

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CHERRY SISTERS

Lose a Damage Case in Court at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, IOWA, April 22.—The three Cherry sisters, who give a show that is so bad that it amounts to a good thing, have been trying to recover large sums from the Des Moines Leader because the paper reprinted an article from the Odebolt Chronicle, a little country paper, making fun of their show.

Judge Charles A. Bishop, before whom the case was tried, decided yesterday against the elder sister, Addie, whose case was tried first, on the ground that the Leader had shown no malice in reprinting the article. Addie wanted to make a speech when the decision was announced, but the court suppressed her, whereupon she and her two sisters withdrew in a huff.

The other sisters will probably go on with their cases.

DECATUR SHUT OUT

Orators Selected for Contest at Champaign.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., April 22.—Entries for the oratorical contest which is to occur at the University of Illinois in connection with the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic association have been closed. A faculty committee has picked 10 of the best orations submitted to it by pupils of high schools in different parts of the state, and the contestants will be as follows: Olney C. Allen, East Aurora; James Burke, West Aurora; Ray B. Mouser, Bloomington; Albert H. Kay, Camp Point; Alfred C. Crawford, Englewood; Martin Taylor, Lockport; Carroll S. Bucher, Mount Carroll; Edward H. Weld, Rockford; Miss Ora Goff, Tuscola; Philip Kinley, Waukegan.

BOYS ARRESTED

For the Robberies at Mt. Pulaski.

MT. PULASKI, April 22.—The authorities have arrested Ray Wyley and Will Arnold, two young men whom the police think are implicated in the robbery of the residences of T. A. Scroggins, T. A. Donaldson and Dr. J. H. Evans early Wednesday morning, when valuables amounting to \$500 were stolen. Arnold was caught in Lincoln and Wyley was arrested here. A number of other suspects are to be placed under arrest.

Both Wyley and Arnold belong to a crowd of young boys whose heads have been turned by dime novels. When Mr. Scroggins' residence was entered he heard a noise and getting up discovered the gas in the hall was burning. Just then one of the burglars fired at him and the bullet whizzed by his head. Since the theft was committed these young men, with others, have been suspected as the guilty persons. A clew to the crowd was obtained by the finding of a pocket handkerchief, dropped by one of the burglars.

THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Illinois: Rain tonight and Sunday; brisk and high northeast winds.

NEXT GOVERNOR

Hon. W. J. Calhoun May be the Republican Nominee.

Announcement of His Candidacy Given Out.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—W. J. Calhoun of Danville will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Illinois next year. This is, in some degree, one of the far-reaching consequences of Speaker Reed's retirement. Had Mr. Reed continued in the speakership Representative Hopkins would probably have been a strong candidate for governor. Influences in the state and also here at Washington were shaping in that direction. It is doubtful if Mr. Calhoun would have consented to the use of his name had Mr. Hopkins formally announced his candidacy for governor. But it is now understood that Mr. Hopkins will be a candidate for speaker. In that event a reconstituting of the conditions of the state campaign follows. Some of the elements of strength which would have been with Mr. Hopkins are now turning to the interstate commerce commissioner. Mr. Calhoun is not making any public announcement of his intentions. He says the time is too early. But some of his closest friends affirm confidently that he is in a willing mood and at the proper time he will be declared in the race.

OCEAN TRAGEDY

Fate of Nine Men Carried Out to Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 22.—A steamer from Central American ports brings the details of an ocean tragedy. While at Corinto an open boat containing the remains of nine men who perished months before, drifted ashore there. The bodies were horribly emaciated and the contorted limbs showed that they died in terrible agony. There was not a drop of water or a particle of food in the boat. The bodies were those of Louis W. Malsen, three port officials and five boatmen, who were carried out to sea in a storm last December and were never again seen until the boat floated into Corinto harbor.

THIS MAY BE TRUE.

ARCOLA, ILL., April 22.—Carl Garver, a 18-year old boy, was frightened, fully burned about the body Friday while burning stalks on his father's farm north of this city. The boy had been using kerosene and had spilled a portion of the contents of the can on his clothing, which caught fire, with the above results. A physician was sent for, but a faith cure healer named Black, who chanced to be in the neighborhood, worked on him, and the boy says he can feel no pain whatever.

BASE BALL.

APRIL 21.

St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 5. Louisville 11, Cleveland 4. Chicago 6, Cincinnati 3. Boston 7, Washington 3. Brooklyn 6, Philadelphia 4. Baltimore 5, New York 1.

HOBART STORY DENIED.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Upon the highest authority it can be stated that there is no truth in the report that Vice President Hobart has decided not to be a candidate for vice president. He has reached no decision. A cabinet officer is authority for the absolute denial of the story.

NO VERDICT.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 22.—The jury in the Lake City lynching case this morning reported to the court its inability to agree and was discharged.

Dinner Party.

Miss Mary Moore will entertain a party of 18 at a 6 o'clock dinner at her home on North Main street this evening.

EASY TO HANG

Brunot and Sibley Admit That They Killed Miss Brunot.

Mob Spirit Aroused at Pana Over the Crime.

PANA, ILL., April 22.—Late last evening Henry Brunot and Fred Sibley, arrested for the murder of Miss Brunot, made a full confession to the sheriff and one of his deputies. They excoriated Mrs. Brunot, and she was released from custody. The two prisoners deny having been implicated in any of the other crimes laid at their door.

Brunot was the first to make a confession. He said that after he and Sibley had taken his mother to Pana to visit a friend they had returned to their home and attacked Miss Brunot in the kitchen. The fatal shots were fired by Brunot, after which Sibley disrobed the body, which was then placed in a wheelbarrow and taken to the well, into which it was dropped. The story told by Sibley corresponded in every detail with the confession made by Brunot.

Excitement over the crime and the arrest of the young men is so great that it is believed an attempt would be made to lynch the prisoners were it not for the presence of the militia, here on riot duty in connection with the miners' trouble.

In the latter part of March Jane Brunot arrived here on a visit to her relatives. She brought with her a valise containing a draft for \$500 and other valuables. On March 30 she disappeared. April 1 Sibley and young Brunot left for Indianapolis, and from there the latter sent a forged letter in Jane Brunot's name to her sister in Dana, Ind., asking to have other drafts forwarded to her.

The forgery was discovered. That led the police to search the Brunot armhouses. There they found many suspicious things. First the clothing of Jane Brunot was found in the garage. Finally, after a whole night had been spent in excavations in the yard, the body of the dead woman was discovered at the bottom of an abandoned well, nude and badly decomposed. She had been shot through the head.

The arrest was made by Chief of Police Kiely and Deputy Sheriff Cheney. Mrs. Brunot is 50 years old, her son is 19 and Sibley is 21. Officials claim that Mrs. Brunot and her son are guilty of having poisoned Charles Brunot, her husband, a year ago, for the sake of his \$2000 life insurance, and also of robbing and killing Mary McIntyre, a widow, last February.

Young Brunot secured \$4200 in cash from the Dana bank on a forged letter, having the draft sent by mail to Pana to Jane Brunot, intercepting the letter and taking the draft to St. Louis, where he had it cashed. It was while he was trying to borrow \$1000 on the 40 acres of land belonging to the murdered woman that discoveries of forgeries and other crookedness were made, resulting in the arrests.

SCHLEY'S TOUR

A Hero of the Navy to Visit Omaha.

OMAHA, NEB., April 22.—It is announced that Admiral Schley will visit this city about May 1 as the guest of ex-Senator Manderson. He will come for rest, but a dinner is to be given him by the Loyal Legion, and a reception at the Omaha club. The admiral will be accompanied by his wife. It is proposed that, after a short visit, in company with General and Mrs. Manderson, he shall take a trip through the west.

CANVASSERS AT WORK.

Citizens are Being Solicited for Entertainment of S. S. Delegates.

The canvassers for the entertainment of the delegates to the State Sunday School convention have been at work during the day but the returns will not be in until this evening. It was not thought that it would be necessary for any one canvasser to work more than two hours but the

FIGHTING

THE REBELS

Gen. Lawton and Volunteers in the Field for Action.

DAKOTA BRAVES

Rout the Filipinos in a Sharp Engagement.

PLOTS IN UNITED STATES

To Weaken Power of America in the Philippines Discussed at the Cable-Meeting on Friday—Expressions Not Given Out for Publication—A Conspiracy.

MANILA, April 22.—General Lawton took the field, at daybreak with the North Dakota, two battalions of the 3d infantry, the 23d infantry, two guns of Scott's battery, three troops of the 4th cavalry and Gale's squadron in light marching order. The force started at 5 o'clock over the Novaliches road, traversing the country previously cleared of rebels, but subsequently reoccupied by them. It is presumed that General Lawton will outflank the enemy before joining General MacArthur north of Malolos. The Dakotans first encountered the enemy in front of Novaliches at 8:15. The rebels opened fire but were silenced in 15 minutes, retiring in bad order, the Americans advancing. They were considerably annoyed by the fire of rebel sharpshooters from the jungle for two hours. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the rebels were in full flight, leaving many dead. Our troops were compelled to take brief rest in the shade as the heat is overpowering.

New Flying Column.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—A cable from General Otis announces the formation of a new flying column for General Lawton and the initiation of a new campaign which it is expected will result in clearing the jungles north of Manila up to the foothills on the northeast and the terminus of the railroad at Bulacan. The text of the dispatch is not made public.

A Vile Conspiracy.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The cabinet yesterday discussed the alleged conspiracy in this country to weaken the United States in the Philippines.

JUDGE CLARK'S SUICIDE.

MEMPHIS, TENN., April 22.—Col. M. Lewis Clark of Louisville, the well known racing judge, committed suicide this morning in a room at the Gaston hotel.

Colonel Clark had been indisposed for several days and yesterday was obliged to keep to his room. The physicians who attended him last night say he was suffering from melancholia. He arose early this morning but remained in his room until about 9 o'clock, ordered a drink of brandy and shortly afterwards a shot was heard and when his room was entered he was found lying across the bed with a bullet hole in his head and a revolver in his hand. He died without regaining consciousness.

BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The weekly bank statement shows the reserve increased \$4,704,000, loans decreased, \$7,531,000, specie decreased \$1,582,000, legal increased \$2,103,000, deposits decreased \$4,079,000. The banks hold \$24,176,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

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COMMON LAW.

In the matter of the estate of Daniel Schenck, deceased, C. F. Emery, executor, appeal from county court. Appeal dismissed at costs of C. F. Emery, as per stipulation in file.

George W. Dingman vs. the Wabash Railroad Co.; case continued for hearing on motion for new trial to May 8 at 1:30 p. m.

STRIKE OF 1500 MEN.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 22.—The laborers in the Union Car Works at Depew struck today for an advance in wages, causing a complete tie-up of the works. Fifteen hundred men are idle.

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TAILOR HATS. Styles.

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Brothers
Decatur, Ill.

IPPLE CREEK.

being formed to purchase 200,000 shares of the Star Gold Mining Company at 15 cents per share, for the purpose of raising \$30,000 for machinery and for an ample treasury.

is offered on the following conditions: Applications must be received at our office on or before June 1st, 1899, in Decatur, Illinois, and must be paid in full.

will be allotted in full on all subscriptions received, as soon as 200,000 shares are subscribed the pool of shares have already been subscribed and the balance of the stock has been underwritten by responsible parties, who make any stock that may remain unsubscribed for on pool prices. The reason for not selling all stock to subscribers being that our present pool methods gives all stock holders an opportunity of securing stock at a low price.

the right to accept or reject any or all subscriptions of the pool no stock can be purchased except on the open market through Denver or Colorado exchange, which makes it practically certain that stock can be obtained at an immediate and material advance, particularly considering the following facts:—All the company's valuable plant of machinery, etc., will be fully paid for, and will remain in the treasury. As the pool will be largely over subscribed those who are too late to get stock will put in buying order on open market and those who have purchased pool stock at a low price will take a quick profit. Any information you may desire is furnished you by writing or calling on any of the people, who are authorized to receive subscriptions:—The Star Gold Mining Co., Room 319 Powers' Building, Henry A. Wood, Decatur, Ill. N. Gandy, Taylorville, Ill. C. L. Hyde, Pierre, S. D. Exchange Bank, Bethany, Ill. C. A. Prater, Edinburg, Ill. J. H. Alexander, Morrisville, Ill. R. H. Woodcock & Co., Macon, Ill.

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HEALTH, POWER, ENERGY.
and causing you to grow and thrive with new found strength. You are a new man and can do it. The greatest NERVE TONIC ever discovered. Paley, Debility, Nervousness, Dyspepsia, Kidney Disease, etc. A box of 12 pills (with guarantee, good as gold) \$1.00. Sent anywhere.

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Men's Fine Striped Pure Worsted SUITS— The New Prevailing Styles This Season.

Big Variety of Patterns
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Will retain their shape till worn out.

At \$15, \$18, \$20.
When you buy one of these suits you get something.

Plenty of cheaper suits, all wool,
From \$5.00 up.

Big Lot of Spring Top Coats.

New Lot of Heavy Double-Breasted Vests,
Mackintoshes—the New things, the New
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THE RIGHT KIND OF SUITS
For boys 3 years and up—made up in the latest,
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double-breasted styles.

Men's Hats, Men's Caps—For Spring.

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Not depreciating our most excellent
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Spring Shoes, we announce a full line
of **Half Price Shoes** in the Powers'
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If you wish to save money these shoes
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We Fit All Feet.

Bargain in Building Lots.

We have placed lots "THE CHENOWETH HOME" located on the northeast corner of 5th Church and West Wood streets. We will sell said lots at a special price. House will rent on these lots before they are completed. If you have a home there is no better place in the city to build. No back yard, sewer, all sewer, paved and stone curbing. Call and get price.

NORTH	
24X100 FEET.	24X52 FEET.
24X100 FEET.	24X52 FEET.
ALLEY 12 FEET WIDE.	
20X100 FEET.	20X100 FEET.
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SOUTH—West Wood Street—Paved.	
20X100 FEET.	20X100 FEET.
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For full information in regard to the above lots call on
JESSE LeFORGEE & CO.,
Real Estate and Loan Brokers,
154 East Main Street, Decatur, Ill.

CHASE & SANBORN'S Coffee and Teas.

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For sale only at

The Economy.

LOCAL NEWS.

Caldwell's street carriages, 15 cents to any part of the city. Leave orders at Greider's Restaurant, old telephone No. 1831.—mch21-dimo

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar on any goods. Collateral, best rates. mch22-tf

Dempsey & Hallack, painters, located at 109 East North street, old phone 1871, should be consulted before you have your spring painting and paper hanging done. Their prices are very reasonable.—1-dimo

You pay a little more for the clothes that Denz makes but—

Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk, also fresh stock and large variety of bulk garden seeds, 348 North Main street. Open evenings. Durfee & Culp.—mar9-dmnyl

If you are in need of footwear Rodgers & Clark's ad. will certainly interest you.—25-dtf

The pastor of the C. P. church Sunday will preach at each service. Morning theme, "Humanity's Victory." Evening theme, "A Marvelous Report." Mrs. Logan will sing a solo at the morning service.

AN UNKNOWN ANIMAL.

The Surprise of a Western Hunter Who Had Killed His First Buffalo.

In 1812 Gen. William Ashley, the head of the Rocky Mountain Fur company, traveled up the Platte valley with a large party of men, all of whom were suffering from want of food. Before they reached the buffalo country the Indians had driven off the herds, and Gen. Ashley's men were reduced to an allowance of half a pint of flour a day. This was not a kind of food, and the men were forced to keep their alive.

If it happened that a duck or goose was killed, it was shared as fairly as possible, but still the men were in a bad plight. Finally one of the party, Jim Beckwith, came on a lucky find of deer and game, and the next day he was even more successful in a way entirely surprising to himself. He had climbed a tree to get a fairer view, and he says:

"I perceived some large, dark-colored animal grazing on the side of a hill about a mile and a half distant. I was determined to have a shot at him. Meat was in demand, and the fellow, well-stored, was worth a thousand ducks.

"I approached cautiously within rifle shot, scrutinizing him very closely and still unable to make out what he was. Taking good aim, I pulled the trigger; the rifle cracked, and I made rapid retreat toward the camp. After running about 200 yards and hearing no movement behind me, I looked round and saw, to my great joy, that the animal had fallen.

"Continuing my course to camp, I met the general, who saw blood on my hands from a previous encounter, and asked me:

"Have you shot anything, Jim?"

"Yes, sir."

"What have you shot?"

"Two deer and something else," I answered.

"And what is the something else?"

"I don't know, sir."

"What did he look like? Had he horns?"

"I saw no horns, sir."

"What color was the animal?"

"You can see him, general," said I, "by climbing yonder tree."

"He ascended the tree accordingly and took a look through his spy-glass."

"A buffalo, by heavens!" he cried.

"He came limply down and gave orders for us to take a couple of horses, go and dress the buffalo and bring him to camp."

"This was the first buffalo I had ever seen, though I had traveled hundreds of miles in the buffalo country; and I had actually been so excited as not to notice his horns. The general had many a hearty laugh at me over those horns. He had ignored them at rifle range, and he had seen them playfully when he was nearly two miles away."

—Youth's Companion.

MARKETS.

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CHICAGO, APRIL					
	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Close.	Year to Date
Wheat—					
April	—	—	—	—	—
May	79 1/2	79 3/4	79 1/4	79 1/2	79 1/2
June	79 1/4	79 3/4	79 1/4	79 1/2	79 1/2
July	—	—	—	—	—
Aug.	—	—	—	—	—
Sept.	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
Oct.	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
Nov.	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
Dec.	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
Jan.	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
Feb.	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
March	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
April	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
May	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
June	84 1/4	85	84 1/4	84 1/2	84 1/2
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**BRYANISM AN INCIDENT,
NOT A CAUSE.**

American Economist: Ex-Governor
Flower said in the course of a recent
interview:

The situation everywhere presents
an interesting contrast with the situation
at the time of the nomination of
Bryan in 1896. With the great activity
in every branch of industry and trade
all over the country with 500,000 em-
ployees already benefiting from in-
creases in their wages extending from
5 to 10 per cent, things seem very
different now.

Ex-Governor Flower's political
affiliations lead him to refer to the
hard times of 1894 as the time of the
nomination of Bryan. We would beg
to remind the ex-governor that 1896
was also the time of the administra-
tion of Grover Cleveland and of the
inflation of his free trade fallacies, in
a somewhat modified form, upon the
country. It is true that Mr. Bryan
was nominated in 1896, but industrial
paralysis had existed for some three
years previous to that time, had in
fact come in with Mr. Cleveland and
his free trade followers.

There is little show of reason in at-
tempting to saddle upon Mr. Bryan
the industrial depression which began
in 1892 as soon as it was known that
the Democratic party had carried the
country on a free trade platform. Mr.
Bryan did not appear as a dominant
factor in national politics until 1896,
when the industrial panic had been in
fall swing for over three years. Ex-
Governor Flower, shrewd man of busi-
ness that he is, must realize this.
Why doesn't he come out like a man
and acknowledge that the hard times
of 1893-6 were due to the Cleveland
policy of free trade, and that the pre-
sent marvelous prosperity of the coun-
try is the direct result of the restora-
tion of our history policy of a protec-
tive tariff?

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Speaker Reed refuses to talk about
the reported arrangement to enter a
law firm in New York and his resig-
nation from Congress. This seems to
make no difference with the aspirants
for the speakership. They have ap-
peared in full force and the battle is
on in full intensity of interest. The
most favored candidate in the east is
Sherman of New York, while in the
west Hopkins of this state seems to be
a prime favorite. There is no reason
why this should not go to the west.
The east and south, with but few ex-
ceptions, has held that position since
the organization of the government.
There are also many other reasons why
the west should take it, which it can
do if it will unite and stand together.
The Republicans of the west have a
large majority in Congress and all
they have to do is to select a candi-
date and name him. This, of course,
is hard to do for the reason that the
Republicans, on account of having too
many candidates, will split up and the
eastern candidate with the power of
patronage and appointment of commit-
tees is liable to take in a few of the
weaker contingents from the west and
win. Herein lies the danger to the
west. The east knows how to stand
solid. The west has not reduced this
problem to a science. If the west,
however, in this case goes together it
will be on Hopkins of Illinois, because
he is the one man in the west who is
available for that purpose. He has
demonstrated his ability in the chair
as a parliamentarian of the highest
type, with all the other qualifications
so essential to a successful presiding
officer. He is cool, clearheaded and a
leader in the body where he has served
so long and in choosing him no risk
would be taken so far as the country
is concerned and in his hands the
interests of the party would not suffer
either from neglect or over-officious-
ness, and withal he would not be too
large to be loyal to a Republican ad-
ministration.

The west can take the position if it
wants it had enough to unite on one
candidate. It can unite on Hopkins if
some sacrifices are made and by so
doing the west may honor itself and
the state of Illinois.

If President McKinley had ordered
Dewey out of the Bay of Manila after
the destruction of the Spanish
squadron and had thus abandoned the
Philippines, William Jennings Bryan
and his followers would now be do-
minating the president for incapacity
in abandoning what Dewey had
actually won as an incident of the
war. It cannot be expected that Bryan
would be satisfied with the adminis-
tration war record because he is
hankering to be the administration
himself and everything done by Mc-
Kinley must be wrong from the 10 to
1 point of view. The country can rest
assured if the president had abandoned
the Philippines the Jeffersonian dem-
ocrats would be invoking the spirit of Jeffer-
son as an expansionist.

Bryan told the New Yorkers that
the other day that state gave him
551,000 votes in 1894. This was a
disappointing blow at the sanity and

political morality of that state, but it
was neutralized by the fact that the
same state gave 829,000 votes to Mc-
Kinley. Bryan forgot to mention this
circumstance, however. This dis-
creditable part of New York's record
was thrown in the face of its citizens
by Bryan, but he was silent about the
creditable part of it. No one has over
yet given any satisfactory explanation,
except cussedness, for that 551,000
votes for Bryan in the state of New
York in 1896, but the 268,000 plurality
against him by the same state relieves
it of some of this load of discredit.

The Philippines are beginning to take
a second thought and many of the
leaders are determined to accept the
sovereignty of the United States with-
out further protest and without
further effort to whip the Yankees.
They have found out that this is an
unhealthy business and that Uncle
Samuel proposes to stay in the Philip-
pines as long as he wants to remain.

One week more will determine
whether the reform campaign was in
the interest of the Democratic party
or in the interest of reform. The ap-
pointment of the police force will
determine that question. Certain
possible appointments on the police
force would of themselves show that
the reform cry was a mere pretense to
deceive conscientious people.

The Texans who offered their ser-
vices to the president to take the
place of the "weak kneed" Minne-
sotans, will probably not have an opportunity
to go to Manila, as the president does
not seem inclined to muster in any
more volunteer state organizations.
He is right about it as too many peo-
ple meddle with volunteers and destroy
their usefulness as soldiers.

When the volunteers return from
the Philippines the most ignorant
who shall express an opinion conform-
ing with the assumed position of the
Bryantites will be hailed as more in-
telligent than Dewey, Otis or Maritt
or even the commissioners by the anti-
Philippine campaigners.

Col. Bryan is doing a great deal of
political talking yet, so far he has
failed to give any rational reason why
the country should go back to a
Democratic administration, because
there is absolutely no reason for it.

The Bryantites have discovered that
there is a difference of opinion be-
tween Generals Otis and Lawton.
They are inclined to back Lawton be-
cause they imagine he got up the fuss.
That's how Miles won their favor.

Should the story of the imprison-
ment of the German commander at
Samoa by the English and American
commanders prove true there will be
a hot time in the old town of Berlin.

So far as known the price of hides
has not been affected by the skinning
of John Peter Altgeld of Chicago.

NONE SO POPULAR.

It is Daily Gaining Favor in
in Decatur.

Results Reported From People Who
Have Given a Fair Trial to
the Remedy.

Morrow's Kid-Ne-oide, the scientific
kidney remedy and backache cure, is
daily gaining favor in Decatur. No
medicines have ever been sold in Decatur
for kidney ailments, backache, nervous-
ness, sleeplessness and general debility,
that has gained such popular favor as
Morrow's Kid-Ne-oide.

We give you the experience of James
Bedford, Jr., of Aurora, Ill., who says:
"After trying many remedies for kidney
backache and kidney troubles and urina-
ry disorders, I at last thought I
would try one more when I heard
about Morrow's Kid-Ne-oide. I got a
fifty-cent box which I used exactly ac-
cording to the directions. The first
box helped me so much and so quickly
that I got another box, and I am con-
fident they will cure my kidney trouble
that can be cured."

Do you doubt this statement? If so,
write to Mr. Bedford enclosing a two-cent
stamp for reply and he will be glad
to write you personally how much he
was benefited by the use of Morrow's
Kid-Ne-oide. They are a wonderful
remedy; they cure backache, nervous-
ness, sleeplessness, restlessness and all
kidney disorders. Try them for your-
self and be convinced. Kid-Ne-oide
can be bought for 50 cents per box at
Armstrong's drug store.
Descriptive booklet mailed upon re-
quest by John Morrow & Co., Chemists,
Springfield, Ohio.

Lingering La Grippe Cough Cured.

Mr. G. VACHER, 157 Osgood st., Chicago
My wife had a severe case of La
Grippe three years ago and it left her
with a very bad cough. She tried a
bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and it
gave immediate relief. A 50c bottle
cured her cough entirely. Now we
are never without a bottle of this
wonderful cough medicine in the house.
—H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

General Wheeler has recently had
set as cuff buttons two buttons that
were shot off his uniform during the
war of the rebellion.

Pains in the Back Cured.

A. B. Farrington, Constantia, N. Y.
writes: I was troubled several years
with kidney disease and suffered severe
pains in the back. I used Foley's Kid-
ney Cure and one bottle cured me. I
recommend it to my friends; it has
given perfect satisfaction. H. W. Bell,
N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Emperor William has issued an
order that official reports submitted to
him hereafter shall be in typewriting.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick
and positive relief. It is the great rem-
edy for diseases of the respiratory or-
gans like Asthma, Bronchitis and
Hoarseness. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone,
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"With pleasure I
write to let you know
the great benefit I
have received from



your medicines and self-treatment at
home," writes Mrs. A. Fluckus, of Dairy,
Klamath Co., Oregon. "When you kindly
Klamath Co., Oregon, advised me to take
your 'Golden Medical
Discovery' for my
trouble, I followed
your advice and re-
ceived great benefit.
I am over fifty years
of age, and for over a
year I suffered with
pains in stomach,
headache, irregular
periods, constipation
and indigestion. I
had no appetite at all,
and could not sleep.
So I went on for
months, till one day
all at once I got dizzy,
my heart seemed to beat as fast as it could,
and I felt like fainting. My heart beat so
fast for a minute, I went to the doc-
tor; he gave me medicine, but it did no
good. I thought I had to die. Every
night when I went to bed I feared I would
not be alive in the morning. I wrote to
Dr. Pierce for advice. He prescribed his
'Golden Medical Dis-
covery' and 'Pleasant
Pillars'. At first I
thought the medi-
cines did no good, but
I kept on taking them
as advised, and when
I had taken five bot-
tles I was so well that
it seemed I did not
need any more, but
still I took the sixth
bottle. I was then
perfectly well. The
headaches, pains in stomach, heart trouble
and all left me. I have had a good ap-
petite ever since, and can sleep well and do
all my work."
If you are not sure what ails you write
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WITH A BROKEN ARM.

John B. Gordon kept his Engage-
ment to Lecture Despite a
Bad Accident.

In Washington a few days ago Gen.
John B. Gordon told the story of a
remarkable experience he had ten days
ago. Said Gen. Gordon:

"I venture to remark that I did some-
thing that not one of the youngsters,
including Joe Wheeler, can do. I had
an engagement to deliver my lecture on
'The Last Days of the Confederacy'
in a town near the border of Kan-
sas and Nebraska. There was a foot
of snow on the ground, and my only
way to reach the place was by sleigh.

"We started and all went well for
several miles, until the driver struck
something, and out I went with the
sleigh right on top of me. When I
tried to rise I found that my left arm
had been wrenched clear out of the
socket, and pulled down to a remark-
able and painful extent. I never
thought of anything but reaching my
engagement, where 1,000 people were
waiting to hear me. By good fortune
I was near the house of a surgeon and
in a few minutes after the accident he
was repairing my damage. While he
was doing that I sent for another sleigh,
two miles away. It came on time, and
with such a splendid pair of horses that
I reached my engagement on the mo-
ment.

"The rumor of my fall and injur-
ies had preceded me and I never had
more enthusiastic reception in my life.
'My arm was pretty sore, but I never
missed an engagement in that snow-
bound region. How many young men
do you know who could do that?'"

GOLD TEETH NOT ALL GOLD.

They Are Often Only Removable
Shells, Which Are Worn to
Make a Show.

"I'd hate to pay that woman's dentist
bills," said a business man to a friend
on a South side L train the other day.
Across the aisle from the man was a
woman who showed enough gold every
time she opened her mouth to make
a man want to leave home and try his
fortunes in the Klondike. Two of her
upper teeth had been replaced by pieces
of burnished metal, and one of her lower
teeth also had a 22 carat shewn about
it. Her companion had only one gold
tooth, but she kept it doing the work
of three by a constant smile, says a
Chicago paper.

"That's another case of the old adage,
'All that glitters is not gold,'" said the
business man's friend. "One of the
latest dental novelties makes gold teeth
possible to anyone at a small cost and
without even sacrificing a healthy in-
cisor to make room for the metal. For
a quarter you can get a shell that can
be stuck over any front tooth and with
an excuse to smile you can present a
regular gold mine to the astonished
public. Attresses first affected the
gold tooth, and then the Yankee man
got an idea. In a short time there was
an epidemic of gold teeth. The novelty
man came out with his plated shells and
sold them like hot cakes. No one but
the dentist has any kick against the
imitation gold tooth, and as a dazzer
it is hard to beat. That woman's teeth
may be the real stuff, but I believe she
can slip them off when she wants to
and get them plated when they get
tarnished."

His Tomb Tells the Story.
A good many of us owe more than
we are grateful for to a man who died
in 1818, so many hundred years ago that
one is afraid to count. The man is Sal-
vino Arnotto, who is stated to be the
inventor of spectacles. On his tomb
there is this epitaph: "Here lies Sal-
vino Arnotto de Armiti, of Florence, the
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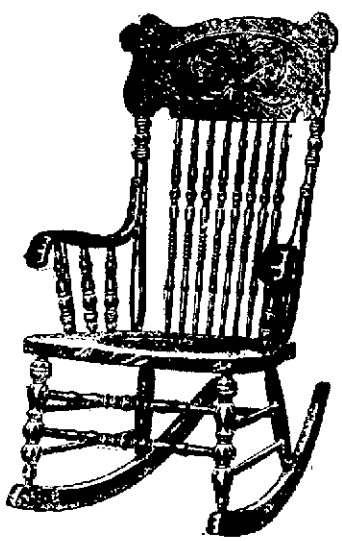
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

There are 17 metals more valuable than gold. A man walking day and night without resting would take 425 days to journey round the world.

More newspapers are printed in the United States than in England, France and Germany combined.

Queen Victoria has seen every throne in the world vacated at least once, and some of them several times.

The largest building in the Coliseum at Rome. It is 615 feet in greatest diameter and 120 feet high.

The work performed by the human body in a day, in circulating the blood, breathing and other involuntary processes, is equal to that of 22 horse-power for one minute.

The largest leaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The "piti" bread of Italy is baked in leaves two or three feet long; while in France the loaves are made in the shape of very long rolls, four or five feet in length and in many cases even six feet.

Remarkable Discovery of a Bank Note—Mrs. James Blaylock, provision dealer, Howard street, Blackpool, recently purchased a box of onions from a wholesale dealer named Wilson, and whilst examining the contents of the box she found a piece of paper interlined with a foreign name. The paper was taken to a local bank, and there identified as a Portuguese bank note, which has since been cashed for \$80.

The negro baby, when it comes into the world, presents a delicate pink color; the second day it is black; ten days afterward it is the color of tanned leather; and at 15 days it is chocolate color. The coloring matter which lies between the layers of the epidermis is semicircular, or in the form of fine granulations; in the Indian it is red, and in the Mongolian yellow. It is influenced not only by sun and by climate, but by certain maldies, and the negro changes in tint just as the white person does.

AN UNFORTUNATE POET.

He Unconsciously Bestows the Sultan's Rich Gift Upon Beggar at His Door.

It was a common practice a century ago to conceal the real value of a present. A good story in illustration of this is told of Sir John Maynard, a shining light of those days.

Two farmers had a grievance about which they were compelled to go to law. One of them prepared a basket full of beautiful pippins and presented them to the great lawyer. They were graciously received, and Sir John, taking one of the apples, split it in two, and found therein a golden sovereign.

The retainers were all that could be desired, and the lawyer engaged to defend his client. Shortly after this there came also to Sir John the other farmer with a fine sucking pig. When this was turned over it was found to be stuffed with 50 sovereigns. The gift, however, had to be refused, as the lawyer was already retained.

In striking contrast to this was the action of the famous Spanish poet, Sidi Ben Sarki. This happened not so many years ago. The poet was living in Fez, and desiring to show his appreciation of the ruler of the country, he wrote a long poem extolling the virtues of the sultan of Morocco and sent it to him.

The sultan, Muley Hassan, was so pleased with the act that he presented the poet with a gift of four loaves of black bread. Now, in Morocco, the present of a loaf of black bread from the sultan is one of the highest honors that can be conferred. The haughty poet, however, would very likely have appreciated a purse in which the gold could be heard clinking, and he was so elated that he gave the loaves away to beggars who knocked at his door for alms.

Judge of his mortification when he learned some days later that each loaf had contained 200 ducats which the sultan had ordered to be placed therein before the baking. Verily, it would have been wiser to have accepted the crumbs of comfort, such as were offered, with all thankfulness.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Wardrobe of Royalty.
Marlborough house, though it frequently encourages new fashions, is no autocrat in these matters. An instance: Last summer, in order to encourage Spitalfields weavers, the prince of Wales heroically wore a silken broadsword waistcoat, but the hint was not taken, and the waistcoat had at last to be discarded. The duke of York, it appears, is no great dandy, as he simply requires his clothes to be comfortable. He ordered 20 suits once in a lot. He is thought to look best in a blue serge yachting costume. As to the German emperor, his wardrobe is marvelous, including the uniforms of every regiment in his army, besides many foreign ones. Among the most prized naval uniforms is that of an English admiral.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Dutch in Africa.

The Cape Dutch have no enthusiasm for the English empire and the English. To study their history from the time we came to the cape will explain that fact. But it is to their interest to be loyal, and they know it. And their opponents know it. But in the South African political war game anything is good enough to beat a Dutch dog with. The Dutch are slow. They are mostly uneducated, as we understand education. They often seem stupid to a quicker or town-bred mind. But the man who buys a Dutchman for a fool will have a hard bargain. Even a uneducated Dutchman knows on which side his bread is buttered, and their motto in international politics is "betray the devil we know than the devil we don't know."—Fortnightly Review.

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SELECTING CANARIES.

The Best Singers Picked Out by Men with Trained Ears.

Large Numbers of the Birds Shipped to This Country from Germany Each Year—How They Are Handled.

Whoever has tried to buy a canary knows how hard it is to pick a good singer. There are, however, men in this country who are not only able to distinguish between the birds that sing and those that do not, but who, guided by their ear alone, can pick and classify canaries according to quality and range of voice, even when hundreds of canaries are singing together.

In an East side establishment in New York, where on an average 7,000 canaries are kept the year round, two of these experts sit daily in front of a huge stack of little willow cages, in which are more than 750 birds sometimes.

With wonderful ease, and most thoroughly and expeditiously, did the experts conduct this competitive examination. First they picked out the good singers, and put a distinctive mark on the cage of each of them; then, with the use of other marks, they separated them into distinct classes, according to the quality and style of their song.

The price of these good singers varies, many not being worth more than three dollars each at wholesale, and a few, on the other hand, selling as high as \$20 each.

In most large bird stores there is an exercise room in which are hundreds of loose canaries. After long confinement the birds must have a chance to use their wings, or as one of the bird men says: "These birds must go a-kettle free. Und so we let dem stay in dese little room sometimes five or six weeks."

The item of food, where many birds are kept, is an important one. In the East side establishments 600 bngs, or nearly 70,000 pounds, of rape seed alone are expended each year. This represents an expense of over \$4,000 for one kind of food. No American rape seed is used, because it is said to be lacking in oil.

Hartz mountain canaries are a specialty of this establishment, and the proprietor says that nearly all the birds are brought to Alfeld from little towns and hamlets scattered over the mountains, and thence shipped to New York.

Few people have any idea of the extent of the importation of canaries into this country, and, perhaps, fewer still are aware that nine-tenths of the business is done through the port of New York. The shipping season begins in July and continues until April, and it is estimated that during the present season about 200,000 birds will be imported, of which 130,000 will be males and 70,000 females. Practically all these birds will come from Germany, although it is true that some thousands of special breeds will come from England and Holland.

The most satisfactory bird is the Hartz mountain canary. They are hardy, surpassing the American-bred canaries in this respect. The natural song of the Hartz mountain canary is varied by the occasional notes of the nightingale or other trained singers. Some of the best German breeders keep a nightingale or a trained canary in the room to which the small birds are sent, and this improves the voice of the young birds greatly.

An old German named Wolfshagen teaches canaries to sing by the use of a machine of his own invention, which pumps air through a series of tubes surrounded by water. In this way notes are produced which are extremely like those of the best canaries. He has been engaged in this business for years and has an established trade, some of his machine taught birds selling for as much as \$20. Most experts and bird fanciers, however, think that the natural method is the only sure way in which a canary can be taught.

Among the breeds of canaries which are imported are the Belgian, the Dutch and several varieties of English birds, including the Norwich, the Manchester, the London fancy, the gold and silver spangled Lizard canary and the Scotch fancy canary. The Norwich canary is not extensively imported, but is a general favorite in England. It has been bred in the city of Norwich for more than a hundred years, and is remarkable for its brilliant plumage of reddish yellow. It is generally conceded the most beautiful of all canaries, but its song is not as good as that of the Hartz mountain canary.

The Manchester canary is the giant of the family. It is notable both for its great size and the peculiar crest which usually adorns its head. No first-class specimens of this bird are imported. England herself taking the pick of all the birds of this variety at prices ranging from \$25 to \$150.

The Belgian canaries constitute the Four Hundred of these feathered songsters, and not many of them are found in this country. The full-bloods have brilliant plumage, but none of them has the great variety of tones possessed by the Hartz mountain bird.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Amateur Theatricals at Kimberley.

There was a good deal of punching of heads incident to amateur acting at Kimberley in these days. Sometimes well-known dentist who sometimes trod the boards, and his enemy, probably a rival amateur, would sit in the front row of the stalls and laugh during all the pathetic scenes. At last the dentist could stand it no longer. He leaped over the heads of the orchestra, hit the laughter a violent blow, saying: "That will teach you to laugh during all the pathetic scenes." And then, much relieved, climbed back on to the stage and proceeded with his part.—Amateur Clubs and Actors.

The king of Portugal is a perpetual smoker.

The greatest song writer was Schubert who produced over 1200 songs.

The sultan of Turkey it is said eats nothing that has not first been tasted by his cup-bearer.

Smoked snow-water is a favorite tipple in Lapland.

THE BEST SPRING TONIC.

As winter passes away it leaves many people feeling weak, depressed and easily tired. This means that the blood needs attention and sensible people always take a tonic at this time of year. Purgatives are not the right medicine—they weaken instead of strengthening.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the best tonic medicine in the world and do not act on the bowels. They stimulate the appetite, enrich the blood, strengthen the nerves and make people feel bright, active and strong.

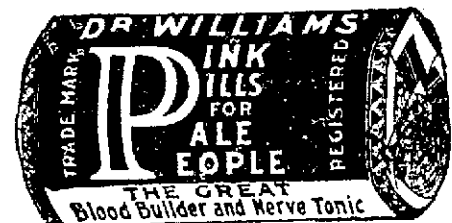
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Many women are languid, peevish, sallow, no appetite, full of aches and pains, and generally out of sorts. This condition prevails because the blood has become impure. No one is better able to speak of this fact than Miss Hazel Snider, a charming young woman of Arlington, Ind. To-day she has rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes and a plump form, which prove that she is in good health. A year ago Miss Snider did not look so. She was very thin, her cheeks were pale, her eyes sunken and dull. She was troubled with nervousness and general debility.

"I had been sick some during my life," she said, "but not any more than the average girl, and was considered strong and healthy. I had prepared to teach school, but became so run down that I did not feel like teaching, and gave it up. I decided to do this, but my mother and physician urged it. I began to grow pale, weak, lost several pounds of flesh, was stupid, and had no ambition. My appetite failed. My blood was in a bad condition, having become thin and watery. After several months' treatment from the family physician we saw he could do me no good. I was discouraged and did not know what curative qualities of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Shortly afterwards a neighbor came in and told me about her experience, and how they cured her. I finally tried the medicine, and when nearly through with the second box noticed a change for the better. After I had taken eight boxes I was cured, and have had no occasion to take any kind of medicine since. I feel that I owe much to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, probably my life, and I advise any one suffering with troubles similar to mine, to take these pills."

MISS HAZEL SNIDER.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. B. Pontaligon, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. A. H. Mills, sup. Sermon at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Church Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Intermediate at 4:15 p. m. Subject: "Lasso is From the Mount." In the evening: "Moral Athlete." Mr. John Eaton will sing a solo in the evening. His wife will play. Strangers and others not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

QUINCY LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Corner North Water and East North streets. Rev. S. H. Sawyer, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermon at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Church Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Intermediate Endeavor at 4:15 p. m. Norman Conquest, sup. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by pastor.

EAST PARK CHURCH.
Sabbath school at East Park Mission, 233, J. Edward Saxton, superintendent.

GLACE CHURCH.
Rev. W. F. Gilmore, D. D., pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. C. F. Follender, sup. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. W. L. Snelberger, sup. Epworth League Monday evening. Prayer service, 7:30 p. m. every Wednesday. Sunday sermons, 10:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

CORNER OF NORTH WATER AND EAST NORTH STREETS.
Rev. M. S. Newcomer, D. D., pastor. Services including evening at the usual hours. Preaching by the pastor—Norwich. "The Church and the World." Evening subject: "Breaking the Bonds of the Past."

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
First Great Pastor-General Church at 8:45 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Frank Ewing, sup. Jubilee Love Fest at 10:15 p. m. All contributions to be sent to the pastor. Mr. Harrison will preach his last sermon at 7:30 p. m. No young people's meeting, as same cannot be rescheduled for later meeting.

CORNER OF N. Broadway and Eldorado streets.
Rev. A. B. Boyd, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m. P. S. C. E. Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. Prayer service at teachers' meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.

COMMUNAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Corner of West Broadway and Monroe streets. Rev. A. W. Hawkins, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. W. F. Vaughan, sup. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Evening theme: "Humanity's Victory." Rev. J. A. Marce is reported. Endeavor service at 10:15 p. m. Church singing with orchestra. Mr. Logan will sing a solo at the morning service.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
Corner Church and Eldorado streets. Rev. W. L. Miller, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 2:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 5:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Corner of North Main and William streets. Rev. E. A. W. Vint, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Dr. N. D. Myers, sup. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Vesper service and Bible study every Wednesday evening.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
Review building, second floor. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "Evangelizing the World." No service on Wednesday. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
Church street, between Eldorado and North streets. Rev. G. H. Hill, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Earl Morris, sup. Communion at 10:30 a. m. Followed by service. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Evening theme: "Humanity's Victory." Rev. J. A. Marce is reported. Endeavor service at 10:15 p. m. Church singing with orchestra. Mr. Logan will sing a solo at the morning service. Everybody welcome. Junior C. E. at 3:30 p. m. Senior at 6:15 p. m.

NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Corner West William and Edward streets. Rev. Martin Stevenson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. John Patterson, sup. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Sermon subject: "The Kingdom of God." Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "The True Church." C. E. at 3:30 p. m. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. H. W. Rutherford, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Holy communion at 7:30 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

The Pastors' Union will meet at half past ten Monday morning in room No. 1, First M. E. church, to elect officers. Every member should be present.

General Wheeler has recently had set as cuff buttons two buttons that were shot off his uniform during the war of the rebellion.

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g pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attendance is made day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving at William Street, Residence Telephone 114. Office 114.

June term, on the first Monday in June; at which time all persons having claims and estates are notified and requested to appear for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are notified and requested to appear and to make immediate payment to the clerk.

Dated this 22d day of April, 1899.

JENNIE M. BOIT, Administrator.

Apr 22-1d-w.

Macon County Teachers' Examinations, 1899.

1. First Saturday in February.

In the Circuit Court.

Benjamin Backer, et al. Complainant.
v.
Jacobson, et al. Defendant.

Filed for Record.

Public notice is hereby given that a decree of the circuit court of the county of Ingham, in said cause, entered in said court at the January term, 1891, (court A. B. 1891, June 3, Finn, J.) in the case of the above entitled cause, is hereby affirmed.

Wednesday, the 10th day of March, at the hour of 2 o'clock, in the day of the said court house, in the City of Woodstock, in said county, at the office of the clerk of said court, and after public notice to the highest and lowest bidders, the real estate in said cause, is hereby sold, and the proceeds are as follows to-wit:

One-half (1/2) of the west side of the quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36, township 35 N., range 20 E., of the third principal meridian.

For the third time, the Illinois Central has been asked to make immediate payment to the underwriters.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1934.

15-133w ANDREW H. SULL, Administrator.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS

One way street rates to points on the southeast coast and third Tuesdays in month at very low rates.

Excursions will leave on return on first Tuesday following on Monday at one round trip.

Homeseekers' Excursions to points on the west coast, south and southwest at one fare plus 25c on first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Excursions to City of Tokyo: Omaha to Tokyo via Orient and Union Pacific.

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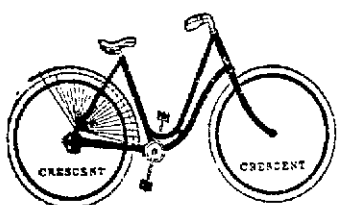
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LOCAL NEWS.

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Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtd

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtd

Fine candies at Glasser's, 143 East Prairie.

Rev. Mr. Kirkbride of Trenton, N. Y., will conduct services at the Asbury church, corner of Herkimer and Broadway streets on Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:30.

Fresh Kentucky blue grass and white clover. New stock of flower and garden seed. Nasturtium and sweet peas in bulk. First door south of opera house. Haghes & Funk.—11-dtd

J. R. Ehrhart, painter and decorator. Office West side Lincoln square under Parlor Meat Market.—march 25-1mo

W. H. Spence, painting, paper hanging, kalsomining, etc. New phone, ocs 637, residence 615.—5-dtd

Comic opera at the Grand next week.

Inspect the Chickering and Packard pianos at the C. B. Prescott music house. They are the favorite instruments for the money and can be had on satisfactory terms.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the plague of my life. Was almost wild. Doan's Ointment cured me quickly and permanently, after doctors had failed." C. F. Cornwell, Valley Street, Saugerties, N. Y. Sold by all druggists.

Mrs. S. S. Jack has purchased the farm known as the Halo farm, three miles west of Mt. Zion. It is situated in the northwest quarter and the south half of the northwest of 20, 16, 3 east and contains 240 acres.

Last Assembly dance of the season Monday night.

Tomorrow evening Rev. W. C. Miller will preach the second of a series of sermons on "Wayside Thoughts for Sunday Evening." The subject last Sunday was "Broken Hearts." Tomorrow evening it will be "Why Are We Punished?"

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children.—W. A. Smeaton, Popocate City, Md. For sale by John E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Stock at Top Notch.

This week Harold Hanes shipped a carload of fine cattle from the Hanes stock farm in Hickory township and got the top notch price, \$5.50, in Chicago, the buyers grabbing the bunch at sight. Harold is a son of Jacob Hanes of this city and is much elated over the financial appreciation of his efforts as a successful feeder.

Mr. Hays had a load of cattle on the Chicago market the same day, selling at \$5.25. Mr. Weaver's shipment will be sold Monday.

Bicycle Bargains.

We trade for a few second hand wheels every day and offer them at very low prices. We have pleased many customers with them. If you want a second hand bicycle please see what we have to offer.

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Little Dutch cigars are excellent. 5 for 10 cents.

HEAR BAIN TO-MORROW

Announcement Extraordinary!

One of the Greatest Living Apostles of Temperance, will speak at THE TABERNACLE, tomorrow night.

ADMISSION FREE and everybody welcome. A good collection will be expected. Please bring a dime for the little red envelope.

The Colonel will also lecture on Monday night closing the season's lyceum course.

Subject—"The New Woman and the Old Man."

Admission 50 cents. Seats at Curtis'. Treat of the season! Don't miss it!



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HOUSECLEANING

Will Absorb Attention of
Woman's Club Members.

BOARD MEETING DETAILS

Are Moving Along Smoothly—About
25 Delegates Will be Present

—Calendar for Com-
ing Week.

House cleaning, just prosaic every season house cleaning, will figure largely in the work of the members of the Woman's club next week. The members are preparing for the entertainment of the visitors who will attend the state board meeting the following week and only the regular routine work will be considered in the club. The arrangements for the meeting of the board are going on steadily and successfully and everything seems to be working together for the complete success of the meeting and the pleasure of the delegates.

The program for the week ending April 29 is as follows:

Monday, April 24—Sociosis division. Mrs. Edna Gillmore chairman. Subject, "Domestic Science: Butter and Lard and Their Adulterations." Ella Dempsey; "Fruits and Nuts," Mrs. Marie Eisman.

Tuesday, April 25—Chautauqua division. Mrs. J. G. Keller chairman. Subject, "From Chacoer to Tomanyon," chapter VIII to page 250; "Walks and Talks in a Geological Field," chapters XXII-XXIV. In the Chautauqua, "Some Spring Birds."

Tuesday, April 25—Child Study division. Mrs. Eugenia Bacon chairman. Subject, "Kindergarten Training a Necessity." Miss Nellie Pratt. Tuesday, April 25—Palmans division. Miss Anne Badenhausen chairman. Subject, "Divine Comedy," "Italian Epic," "Dante." Miss Marie Macpherson leader.

Wednesday, April 26—Shakespeare division. Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetler chairman. Subject, "Othello," first act. Mrs. Ellen Philbrook leader. The class will study the literary history of the play and the Kilaia.

Thursday, April 27—Art and Literature division. Mrs. J. Stebbins King chairman. Subject, "Short Stories from Kipling." Mrs. F. O. Rhodes; "The Jungle Book," Miss Louisa Beckingham; "Poems from Kipling."

Friday, April 28—Musical division. Miss Laura Shaffer chairman. Subject, "Mignon," Miss Mina Nicholson leader.

The directory of the Woman's club but being unable to pay their fine they were given time. Yesterday they were again unable to pay the fine and went to the county jail.

THE STAGE.

COMIC OPERA.

Comic opera has always seemed to find a responsive chord in the breast of the public of Decatur and that a short season is now promised, should be hailed with delight. There are a number of musical people here, and to these it is to no others should the coming of the Doshon and his merry troupe to the Grand next Monday prove interesting. The old familiar operas are the ones chosen for the coming engagement, but who does not love those old operas, and their lines are as well known to some of us as to the actors themselves. While the roster of the company presents no familiar names, their abilities are vouched for by the advance agent, who, contrary to the custom of these suave gentlemen, doesn't claim anything phenomenal, but yet guarantees that the people will be pleased.

Among them he mentions Misses Vane, Sargent and Wood Messrs. Hicks, Leslie, Browne, Lavine and Bacon, while the music is in the hands of Prof. Howard Cook, a capable director of established reputation. Ametis illuminated dances between acts are a pleasing feature. Anyway they will not bankrupt the public with high prices, for they come at the popular schedule. Ladies free Monday night if accompanied by a paid 30c reserved ticket.

Will Go to La Place.

The members of the degree staff of Decatur Lodge, No. 114, M. W. of A., will go to La Place this evening. In addition to the staff a number of other members of the lodge will go. There are to be 35 initiated. After the meeting there will be a banquet.

The prettiest baby buggies are at Scovill's.—15-tf

Notice.

R. S. Packard and J. M. Love are making a systematic canvass of Decatur for new subscribers to the Daily Republican and are authorized to collect and receipt for three months' subscriptions payable in advance. The Daily Republican guarantees a prompt and careful delivery of the paper. If

T. P. A. Invitations.

The printed invitations for the entertainment which will be given by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Post K, T. P. A., on the evening of April 29 are in charge of Mrs. F. A. Tuttle and the members of Post K and the Woman's Auxiliary can get them by calling at her office at the court house.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Entertainment to be Given at the
Opera House—Athletic Events.

The members of junior and senior classes of the High school will give at the opera house on Friday evening, April 28, the cantata entitled "The Lay of the Bell." There will be a chorus of 185 voices and the full opera house orchestra will render the accompaniments. The entertainment will be given under the direction of Prof. Westhoff. The leading parts will be taken by members of the classes.

Among the students there are some excellent singers and the affair promises to be a success from a musical standpoint. The students will sell the tickets and prizes have been offered for those who sell the most. The student who sells the largest number of tickets will get a prize of \$3 and the one who sells the next largest number will be given \$2. All the students who sell over \$1.50 worth of tickets will receive free a 25 cent

IMMENSE CROWD

Gathered to Hear Mr.
Harrison Last Evening.

PREACHED A GOOD SERMON

Class Meeting Sunday at 8:45 a. m.—

Converts' Testimonial Ser-

vice at 3 p. m.—Farewell

in the Evening.

The great spiritual power that has been repeatedly manifested in the Harrison meeting was present with increased force last evening. The announcement that Mr. Harrison would talk on "The Unpardonable Sin" attracted an immense audience. The pews were made to do duty and the aisles were packed from the altar rail to the exits. After the song service Mr. Harrison announced his text. It contained the following words: "And it shall not be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come."

He said: "There is no sin so heinous drawn across every path. It is a point or time where we do not know but beyond which God has sworn that that goes is lost. It is the place where hope ends and destruction begins. Some people will call this pretty or imagination. It may be either or both but it is also the Bible. Anyone who reads the Bible will have an impression that there is a sin that no power can erase. It will be even more than an impression a fact made firm by declared truth. Sermons may be preached but they will have no effect. Prayers may be prayed but they will not be answered. It is in accordance with the scriptures. Writers say that they cannot harmonize the idea of the unpardonable sin with the teachings of the Bible. There is no conflict in the Bible that there is not an unpardonable sin. The old testament says that 'He that is often reproved and hardeneth his heart shall be cut off.' Paul says, 'Quench not the spirit,' and 'Grieve not the spirit.' If God lets the soul alone it dies. There comes a time when we must turn away from sin or heaven. Esau could not regain his birthright. It is said that Christ went to the city and when he rose against him he went to the sea shore and set sail and left them. God says, 'My spirit shall not always strive.' Men may disagree on certain parts of the scriptures but there are three points on which all are agreed: death, the judgment and eternity. Higher critics try to tear down the teachings of the Bible but David, Paul and Isaiah did not doubt the language of Christ.

What is the unpardonable sin? Some say it is the willful rejection of a known truth, others that it is a resolution not to listen to our best convictions. In one small word it is saying 'no' to the spirit. It can be committed gradually and may be done so slowly that it is not realized. I say that none here tonight are committing the unpardonable sin and that many may say yes to the spirit."

At the close of the sermon the scenes about the altar were a reproduction of the many soul-stirring scenes that have been witnessed during the meetings. There was shouting, singing, crying and laughing. Twenty-one were happily converted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On Sunday evening Mr. Harrison will preach his farewell sermon. On Sunday morning there will be a meeting of the classes in their rooms at 8:45 and Sunday school at 9:15. In the afternoon there will be a public love feast. All the new converts will gather and give testimony. On Monday evening a farewell service will be held and on Tuesday morning Mr. Harrison will go to Clinton.

Special prices on go carts at Scovill's.—15-dtd

District Messengers.

Manager Davis of the Western Union Telegraph Co. office of this city is establishing a business for the District Telegraph Co. The purpose of the company is to furnish the public with a messenger service. The plan is to supply the patrons with boxes from which can be sent a call for a messenger, police or carriage or a fire alarm. The company will run errands or do anything that may be required of them.

Death of a Niece.

J. L. Stout yesterday received a letter telling of the death of his niece, Miss Nellie Baldwin, at New York, Ohio, of appendicitis. Mrs. Baldwin was a sister of Mrs. Mary Baldwin, who spent the summer in Decatur last year.

Recent will build a new house of 12 rooms at a cost of \$25,000.

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

LYNCHINGS IN THE SOUTH

Fate of Sam Hose and Lige
Strickland on Sunday.

ROASTED ALIVE

White Mob After the
Blacks in Georgia.

BODIES OF VICTIMS MUTILATED

In a Shocking Manner by the Avenger—

Placard Reads: "We Must
Protect Our Southern Women"

—One of the Negroes a
Minister of the Gospel.

NEWMAN, GA., April 24.—Sam Hose, the negro who on Wednesday last murdered Alfred Cranford and assaulted Mrs. Cranford, at their home four miles from Palmetto, was Sunday hanged at the stake near here. A few yards and some morsels of bone and flesh in the pockets of hundreds of marauding people is all that is left of the negro criminal.

The cause for Hose was begun immediately after the tragedy, and a countless number of false claims were run down, only to end in disappointment. Hope for the capture of the negro was beginning to be abandoned, when last night he was captured near Marshallville, Ga., several miles from Clinton, by two brothers, farmers, by the name of Jones.

They brought him to Griffin Sunday morning, to take him on to Atlanta and claim the reward. The negro confessed his guilt to his captors and did not resist being returned to the scene of his crime or the projected trip to Atlanta.

The men had brought a long thin chain, a padlock, and the chain was passed around the negro's neck and then wound about a pine tree. It was drawn sufficiently tight to make extraction impossible after the key had been turned in the padlock. Although the identity of the crowd was vague, most of the men being strangers in Newman, the man who poured the kerosene over the negro's shirt and limbs is said on unquestioned authority to have been from a northern state.

The shirt was well soaked with the inflammable oil. Then one of the members of the posse sprang forward and with a deft swing of his knife plunged it into the negro's right ear. Not a moan or twitching of muscles escaped the victim. Then another member of the posse brought off the other ear with a sign of pain from Hose. The mob's captain, a powerfully built Irishman of Griffin, then ordered Hose. As this torture was being inflicted on the negro ejaculated: "Oh, Lord, Jesus Christ." These were the only words of anything like protest that came from his lips. With this utterance the man leaped upward, striking the victim, and struck the wood pole for a way with his feet.

Strickland Lynched.

The body of Lige Strickland, a negro implicated by Sam Hose in the killing of Alfred Cranford, was found swinging to the limb of a tree a mile from Clinton this morning. The ears and fingers were cut off and on the body was pinned a placard bearing these words: "We must protect our Southern women." Strickland was a negro minister, 69 years of age. Sam Hose, as the torch was about to be applied to the pile of wood under him near Newman yesterday, admitted killing Alfred Cranford, but said that Strickland had given him \$12 to do the deed.

After Hose was disposed of the mob went to the farm of Major Thomas, where Strickland worked. Thomas endeavored to persuade the mob not to take Strickland, saying that he believed him innocent, but the negro was brought to town, where an im-

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